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SUBJECT: ESSO MOROCCANIZATION

REF: A. STATE 240716

B. RABAT 4607

C. RABAT 4869

1. BELKORA CALLED SATURDAY MORNING TO CONFIRM ASSURANCE HE GAVE CHARGE FRIDAY CONCERNING ESSO SITUATION. SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIGHEST AVAILABLE AUTHORITIES, NAMING PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND COULD STATE THAT FOR ITS PART GOM DOES NOT CONSIDER NEGOTIATIONS WITH ESSO INTERRUPTED. GOM, HE SAID, IS READY TO RESUME TALKS ON SHORT NOTICE; BUT HE CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT GOM CONSIDERS IT UP TO ESSO TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING NEW TO PUT ON TABLE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE WELCOME GOM WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TALKS, WE ARE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AS TO WHERE INTERESTED PARTIES GO FROM HERE, GIVEN APPARENT GOM FEELING THAT BALL IS IN ESSO'S COURT. AS REPORTED RABAT 4607, ESSO REP VASTOLA TOLD US WHEN LAST ROUND OF TALKS BROKE DOWN, THAT HE CONSIDERED NEGOTIATIONS PHASE TERMINATED AND ESSO WOULD SEEK SOLUTIONS "THROUGH COURTS AND OTHERWISE." WHATEVER COURT OR COURTS BALL MAY BE IN, SOMEONE HAS TO FIND WAY TO GET IT
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